

PATENT Customer No. 22,852 Attorney Docket No. 02508.0091

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR MONITORING THE ACCESS TO THE CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM OF A PATIENT |))) |

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AMENDMENT

In reply to the Office Action mailed April 6, 2004, the period for response to which extends through July 6, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this Amendment.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this Amendment.

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Enclosed is a reply to the Office Action of April 6, 2004. The item(s) checked below are appropriate:

The claims are calculated below:

| | Claims Remaining After Amendment | | Highest Number Previously Paid | Present Extra | Rate | Ac | lditional Fee |
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| Total | 27 · | - | 23 | 4 | x \$ 18 | \$ | 72.00 |
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| Reduction by ½ if small entity | | | | | | - | 0.00 |
| TOTAL | | | | | | | 72.00 |

- A fee of \$72.00 to cover the cost of the additional claims added by this reply is enclosed.
- A check for \$72.00 to cover the above fee is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Dated: July 6, 2004

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